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A method of modulating the ripening and/or senescence characteristics in plants of the genus *Musa* comprises transforming plants with one or more sequences obtainable from the deposited cDNA library having the accession number 40184, regenerating said plants and selecting from the population of transformants those plants having modulated and/or tissue senescence characteristics.

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